

## PROPOSED WORK ON EXISTING FIRE BREAKS IN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS

With permission, the Fire Department Heavy Equipment Company intends to re-open the existing fire break(s) in the Santa Monica Mountains that are located next to the West Mandeville Fire Road, and/or next to the East Sepulveda Fire Road, and/or next to the Upper East Mandeville Fire Road in that order.

Re-opening a Fire Break means; to scrape off any grass and/or brush down to mineral earth avoiding trees within the boundaries of the existing break. The intent is to provide a separation in the brush large enough to help contain a fire moving toward it. This is accomplished using aircraft dropping fire retardant and camp crews burning out from the break to enlarge the area in front of the fire. Without a fire break the above actions are not possible.

If stopping the fire is successful, it could save many homes, animals and water shed from a devastating fire sweeping across the entire Santa Monica range.

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